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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows prior to examination of a non-provisional patent application filed on July 5, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [002] as follows:

[002] The advent of the Internet provides Internet users with a worldwide web of information at the click of a button. Accordingly, various businesses have responded to the incredible reach provided by the Internet to enable commerce via channels provided by the Internet. As such, the Internet has become a key mechanism for business to consumer (B2C) and business to business (B2B) commerce. Moreover, many entertainment providers have been quick to utilize the Internet as an additional venue for presenting their entertainment content to users.

Please replace paragraph [0036] as follows:

[0036] Referring now to FIG. 3, FIG. 3 depicts a block diagram illustrating a subset of the components of a conventional router 202. The router 202 includes a forwarding plane 280 containing an egress filter 206 and a forwarding decision block 290. The egress filter 206 drops traffic matching certain specifications as provided by the control plane 210. The forwarding decision block 290 decides how to forward the traffic. Accordingly, when a piece of network traffic (packet) is locally addressed, the forwarding decision block 280 forwards the packet to the control plane 210 where it is processed.

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